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SUBJECT: SEABEE TRAVEL REQUEST

REF: A. STATE 278786

B. STATE 112231

1. POST IS DISAPPOINTED BY THE LACK OF
RESPONSE TO PETTY OFFICER RACE'S REQUEST TO TRAVEL TO
WEST BERLIN. NO ANSWER WAS RECEIVED UNTIL HIS
SCHEDULED DAY OF DEPARTURE, AND THEN ONLY AFTER
PROMPTING BY POST.

2. CURRENT POLICY REGARDING TRAVEL BY AMERICAN STAFF
PERSONNEL VIA POV TO WEST BERLIN THROUGH EAST GERMANY
REQUIRES THAT THE INDIVIDUAL FIRST RECEIVE PERMISSION
TO TRAVEL FROM THE POST ITSELF. THEN
NOTIFICATION IS SENT TO THE U.S. MISSION IN WEST
BERLIN AND THE U.S. EMBASSY IN EAST GERMANY. IF NEITHER
THE MISSION NOR THE EMBASSY HAS ANY OBJECTION TO
THE PROPOSED TRAVEL, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT PERMISSION
TO TRAVEL HAS BEEN GRANTED.
THE TRAVELER MUST GET HIS OWN VISA AND FOLLOW
THE TRANSIT PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN REF B.

3. DIRECT AIR TRAVEL IS POSSIBLE ON
EITHER POLISH OR EAST GERMAN AIRLINES. IT IS
SOMEWHAT COMPLICATED AND EXPENSIVE SINCE SINCE IT INVOLVES
USE OF SCHONEFELD AIRPORT IN EAST GERMANY AND A SPECIAL
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BUS WHICH GOES DIRECTLY FROM EAST GERMANY TO WEST BERLIN

WITHOUT PASSING THROUGH EAST BERLIN. TRAVEL VIA TRAIN IS
NOT AUTHORIZED UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL IS ON OFFICIAL
BUSINESS OR HAS FRIENDS IN USBER WHO WILL AGREE TO PICK
HIM UP IN EAST BERLIN AND TAKE HIM THROUGH CHECKPOINT
CHARLIE IN A VEHICLE WITH MISSION PLATES.

4. FOR FUTURE REFERENCE, EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO OUR
SEABEE TRANSITTING EAST GERMANY IN POV ON SAME BASIS
AS OTHER STAFF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED HERE.
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